AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Previously Presented) An N-Hydroxy-4-{5-[4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy] pentoxy}-benzamidine 2 methanesulfonic acid salt.
- 2. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing an N-Hydroxy-4-{5-[4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy] pentoxy}-benzamidine 2 methanesulfonic acid salt, comprising reacting reacing N-Hydroxy-4-{5-[4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy] pentoxy}-benzamidine and methanesulfonic acid in an inert solvent.
- 3. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for treating osteoporosis, comprising an osteoporosis treating effective amount of N-Hydroxy-4-{5-[4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy] pentoxy}-benzamidine 2 methanesulfonic acid salt and a pharmaceutically active carrier.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for treating bone fractures, comprising a bone fracture treating effective amount of N-Hydroxy-4-{5-[4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy] pentoxy}-benzamidine 2 methanesulfonic acid salt and a pharmaceutically active carrier.
- 5. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for treating allergic inflammatory diseases, comprising an allergic inflammatory disease treating effective amount of N-Hydroxy-4-{5-[4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy] pentoxy}-benzamidine 2 methanesulfonic acid salt and a pharmaceutically active carrier.
- 6. (Currently Amended) An oral formulation comprising an N-Hydroxy-4-{5-[4-(5-isopropyl-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy] pentoxy}-benzamidine 2 methanesulfonic acid salt, along with (a) a carbonate selected from the group consisting of alkali metal carbonate, alkali metal_bicarbonate and alkaline earth metal carbonate; (b) a disintegrant selected from the group consisting of sodium starch glycolate, calcium carmellose and sodium croscarmellose; or a combination of (a) and (b).
- 7. (Previously Presented) The oral formulation as set forth in claim 6, further comprising an inorganic excipient.

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- 8. (Previously Presented) The oral formulation as set forth in claim 7, wherein the inorganic excipient is calcium biphosphate, calcium phosphate, heavy magnesium oxide, precipitated calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, or a mixture thereof.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The oral formulation as set forth in any of claims 6 to 8, wherein the carbonate is sodium bicarbonate or calcium carbonate, and the disintegrant is sodium starch glycolate or sodium croscarmellose.